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| Health Care Finance and Administration | Section: Non-Financial Eligibility Requirements |
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DEATH

Legal Authority: 42 CFR 435.919; 42 CFR 431.213

1. Policy Statement

Eligibility for TennCare Medicaid and CoverKids will be terminated once an enrollee's death has been verified. Advance notice of action is not required if HCFA has factual information confirming the death of a beneficiary.

2. Verification

a. Notification of death from the enrollee's family or representative

If an enrollee's family member or representative reports the death, then verification of the death must be obtained. Verification can either be obtained electronically through Vital Statistics or State On-Line Query (SOLQ), or with a hard copy of the obituary or death certificate.

b. Notification of death through an electronic interface

If the State receives a date of death (DOD) through an electronic interface with the Social Security Administration (SSA), verification of death must be obtained. Verification can either be obtained electronically through Vital Statistics or SOLQ, or with a hard copy of the obituary or death certificate. Any DOD received electronically from Vital Statistics will be applied systematically.